

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	1857.0350000
First Inventor	Michael L. Nelson
Title	Method And System For Improving Focus Accuracy In A Lithography System
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 31]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
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(Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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(when there is an assignee)
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach  
form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)  
☒ Other: The name of the assignee is: Silicon Valley Group, Inc.

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. (to be assigned); Filed: Herewith  
For: **Method And System For Improving Focus Accuracy In A  
Lithography System**  
Inventors: Michael L. Nelson *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1857.0350000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method And System For Improving Focus Accuracy In A Lithography  
System**

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the application comprising:

- a. specification containing:
    - i. 20 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 10 pages of claims (51 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - b. 4 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2, 3A, 3B and 4); and
  - c. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76).
3. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (in duplicate); and
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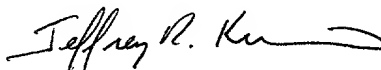
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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

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